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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT ON EMBASSY AND CONGEN COMPOUNDS

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1. UPON RECEIPT OF FIRST OF DEPARTMENT'S REFTELS, AMBASSADOR AKINS HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS EXTENSION OF LEASE AGREEMENT ON EMBASSY AND CONGEN COMPOUNDS WITH FONMIN PRINCE SAUD. AMBASSADOR BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A CHANCE SAG COULD BE PERSUADED TTO GIVE

EMBASSY A LONGER EXTENSION THAN THE FIVE YEARS OW OFFERED (JIDDA REFTEL). IN THE EVENT, HOWEVER, THE AMBASSADOR WAS NOT ABLE TO CONCLUDE THIS MATTER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM POST.

2. MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER AND DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO INFORM FONMINISTRY BY NOTE THAT EMBASSY IS AGREEABLE TO LEASE EXTENSION AS PROPOSED. BECAUSE MFA IS STILL TALKING ABOUT A MOVE TO RIYADH IN FIVE YEARS AND BECAUSE USG CANNOT (AS SAUD WISHED) RECIPROCATATE BY PROVIDING LAND IN WASHINGTON AND HOUSTON, WE THINK IT BETTER TO ACCEPT NOW THE FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION ON THE PROPERTIES THAT IS BEING OFFERED RENT-FREE, THAN TO ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL FAVOR AT THIS TIME.

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3. WE SHALL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF

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